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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

The concise explanation of relevance for the non-English documents is given in the attached English abstracts. Also, please note that Japanese Patent Laid-Open No. 63-87858 is in the same patent family as U.S. Patent No. 5,021,892, which is already of record in the present application.

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